

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 23, 2005

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Cullum presided; Mr. Owens gave the invocation; Ms. Summers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	M. Todd Cullum	William C. Billy Derrick
	George H. Smokey Davis	Debra B. Summers
	Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
	John W. Carrigg, Jr.	Joseph W. Owens

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth; Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Assistant County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Brooks recognized several supervisors who graduated from the Supervisory Certification Program through Midlands Technical College. Those recognized were: George Bistany, Community Development; Jenny Main, Library Services; Jeff Palkowski and Fred McManus, Sheriff's Department; JoLyn Hardy and Ed Lewis, Magistrate Court Services; and Jan Alonso and Darlene Peters, Treasurer's Office. He stated the employees made a commitment of several months attending Midlands Tec to complete the course.

Ms. Sheila Fulmer, Procurement Manager, was commended by the staff of Department of Juvenile Justice for her assistance in getting the renovations completed at the Auxiliary Administration Building so they could move in.

Resolutions - Chief Michael F. Sonefeld, Family Day, and Frank R. Stover, Jr. - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Keisler that the resolutions be adopted.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Appointments - Assessment Appeals Board - Linda S. Ham - A motion was made Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Owens to reappoint Ms. Linda Ham to the Assessment Appeals Board.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Delayed Item - Ordinance 05-02-B - An Ordinance Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2004-05 - 3rd and Final Reading - No action taken.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Cullum announced he and members of Council attended the Association of Counties Conference in Hilton Head on August 3 through August 7. In addition, met with various local companies and visited the Lexington County Airport @ Pelion to assess improvements being made.

Administrator's Report - Mr. Brooks advised Council the Pine Grove Fire Station has applied for a \$1072.94 grant from the South Carolina Forestry Commission Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants to help with the cost of up-keep and engine repairs on their 1984 brush/wood truck. The grant is a 50/50 match. The \$536.47 match will be paid by the Pine Grove Fire Station.

Lexington High School - Government Class - Chairman Cullum recognized and welcomed students from Lexington High School studying government.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of June 28, July 12, and July 25, 2005 and Approval of Budget Worksession Minutes - Meeting of May 24, 2005 - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the minutes of June 28, July 12, and July 25, 2005 and the budget worksession minutes of May 24, 2005 as submitted.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Ordinance - Ordinance 05-06 - Authorizing Lexington County Rural Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 - Frannie Heizer, Attorney, McNair Law Firm, PA. - 2nd Reading - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler that Ordinance 05-06 be given second reading.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Owens asked when third reading would take place.

Mr. Cullum replied on September 27, if second reading passes.

Mr. Owens stated he would support moving forward with second reading but does not intend to support the measure as a whole.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, J. Owens, Chairman - Temporary Sign Ad Hoc and Planning Commission Recommendations - Mr. Owens stated the Planning and Administration Committee convened on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 to consider recommendations from the Temporary Sign Ad Hoc Committee and the Planning Commission to Chapter 5. Signs of the County Zoning Ordinance.

The committee recommended that Section 26.40e. - Portable or Movable Signs be amended from “up to three separate times per year for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days per occurrence (90 days)” to “up to **two** separate times per year for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days per occurrence (60 days).”

The Planning and Administration Committee voted to recommend that Council approve the recommendations and proceed with announcement of first reading of Zoning Text Amendment T05-09.

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the recommendations as proposed by the Temporary Sign Ad Hoc Committee and the Planning Commission and proceed with announcement of first reading of Zoning Text Amendment T05-09.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg

Zoning Map Amendment M05-05 - 121 Pleasant Springs Court and Zoning Map Amendment 05-06 - Flamingo Road and Meredith Drive - 2nd Reading - Mr. Owens deferred to Mr. Jeffcoat for recommendation.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to deny second reading on Zoning Map Amendment M05-05 and Zoning Map Amendment M05-06.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg

New Business - Rezoning of Coldstream Golf Course - Announcement of 1st Reading - Mr. Cullum announced first reading to rezone the Coldstream Golf Course property from R3 to R1.

Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - Temporary Part-time Communications Clerk - Public Safety/Communications - Mr. Davis reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss a request from Public Safety/Communications seeking approval to hire a temporary part-time communications clerk to assist with the input of information for the "My 9-1-1" program. The position will be funded through the 2006 State Homeland Security grant. It is a 100 percent federally funded program requiring no County match.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the temporary part-time communications clerk for Public Safety/Communications.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

New Business - False Alarm Ordinance - Mr. Davis reported the Justice Committee discussed the possibility of implementing a false alarm ordinance.

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Improvements to Pine Ridge School - Public Works - Mr. Derrick stated his committee met during the afternoon to discuss improvements to solve the traffic problem at the Pine Ridge School located on Fish Hatchery Road. The improvements to be made are to create a loop road around the school tying into existing roads and paving the existing gravel road around the Lexington County Recreation Commission ballfields and turn lanes on the ballpark/DNR road and on Fish Hatchery Road.

The cost of creating the loop road and tying into the existing roads and paving the gravel road around the ballfield is estimated at \$42,052.85 which will be funded through School District 2 "C" funds. The cost for the turn lanes is estimated at \$90,000 which will be funded by \$30,000 Rise Match, \$40,000 Lexington County "C" Funds, and \$20,000 Municipal "C" Funds. Total cost of the project is \$132,052.85. The Lexington County Public Works Department will perform most of the work.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff recommendations.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

SCDOT 2006 State Match Program - Public Works - Mr. Derrick reported his committee met during the afternoon and discussed the SCDOT 2006 State Match Program in the amount of \$848,000. This is a dollar for dollar match (\$424,000 County and \$424,000 SCDOT) to resurface secondary roads on the state highway system that are not eligible for federal-aid funding.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve staff recommendations (Exhibit B) that was amended. The list of roads are: Murray Lindler Road, Clark Street, Old Bush River Road, Broken Hill Road, Whippoorwill Drive and Glendale Road. The list was amended to delete Northwood Road and add an additional .6 miles to Murray Lindler Road making it 2.25 miles.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Transfer of Roads - SCDOT to Lexington County - Public Works - Mr. Derrick stated his committee met during the afternoon and discussed the transfer of Limerock Road and a portion of Samaria Highway from SCDOT to the County. Limerock Road is 0.27 miles and the portion of Samaria Highway is 3.21 miles for a total of 3.48 miles.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to approve the transfer of Limerock Road and a portion of Samaria Highway from SCDOT to Lexington County.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Ordinance -5-07 - Amend the Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park Between Lexington County and Calhoun County - The Electric Controller and Manufacturing Company, LLC - 1st Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat reported his committee met during the afternoon to discuss Ordinance 05-07. This is an ordinance to amend the agreement for development of the joint county industrial park dated December 11, 1995 between Lexington and Calhoun Counties to expand the park premises by \pm 14.63 acres. This

property being as shown on TMS 117-00-02-033.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve first reading of Ordinance 05-07.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Adoption of Amendment to Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park Between Lexington County and Calhoun County - The Electric Controller and Manufacturing Company, LLC - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the adoption of the Amendment to the Agreement.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Ordinance 05-08 - Authorizing an Amendment to a Lease Agreement Between Lexington County and Michelin North America, Inc. With Regard to the Investment to be Made by the Company in Connection With the Fee in Lieu of Tax Payments and Infrastructure Tax Credits - 1st Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat stated his committee met and discussed Ordinance 05-08. This is an ordinance authorizing an amendment to a lease agreement dated December 1, 1996 between Lexington County and Michelin North America, Inc. with regard to the investment to be made by the company in connection with the fee in lieu of tax payments and infrastructure tax credits.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve first reading of Ordinance 05-08.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Adoption of Amendment to Lease Agreement Between Lexington County and Michelin North America, Inc. - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the adoption of the Amendment to Lease Agreement.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Airport, T. Cullum, Chairman - Fuel Farm Options - Delayed to September 27th meeting. Mr. Cullum reported bids were opened for the fuel farm construction and was dismayed that there were no bidders. Therefore, staff has asked the County's consultant, Wilbur Smith Associates to review and reevaluate the design features.

Proposed Building to House South Region - Public Safety/Law Enforcement - Mr. Cullum reported the Airport Committee met on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 to consider the construction of a proposed building to house the South Region of the Sheriff's Department at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

Chief Rucker, Assistant Sheriff and Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security, stated the proposed building would be used to house the South Region of the Sheriff's Department that is currently located on the premises of Gaston Copper. In addition, once the JET Team is in place, he would like to house them there as well. Chief Rucker said Council approved approximately \$671,240 in HUD funding as part of the airport five-year plan.

Chief Rucker asked that Council allow staff to move forward with obtaining bids for the proposed building.

After discussion, the committee voted to recommend to Council that staff proceed with the bid process.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Owens to delay the matter.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked, why would we delay it?

Mr. Davis stated he understands there is a possibility of a less expensive alternative with local industrial owners and said he would rather not divulge the information at this time.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated the proposed building was for Public Safety and Law Enforcement and asked if the new location has been discussed with Sheriff Metts?

Mr. Davis replied, no sir.

Mr. Owens stated this was just discussed Monday, August 22.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if this was the reason for the request to delay.

Mr. Davis replied, yes sir, but would like the opportunity for the site to be discussed prior to moving forward with the proposed building.

Mr. Carrigg asked whether the County would have to build a building anyhow?

Mr. Cullum replied the County is not in any stringent time constraints at this point. He said the bid received estimated the cost for construction to be \$813,353 which exceeds the budgeted amount of \$671,240 by \$200,000. Therefore, there could be an opportunity for a site that may fit within the budgeted amount of \$671,240.

Mr. Carrigg stated whether you build a building at the site the Sheriff's Department is planning now or build the building on some other land, you still have to build a building.

Mr. Owens replied, not necessarily.

Mr. Cullum stated there might not be any construction in part by the County there is just another opportunity and would rather leave it at that.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if the proposed building will be brought up at the September 27th meeting?

Mr. Davis stated he would like to delay the issue until after executive session since it is a contractual matter and that it is possible it may be brought back up tonight.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if it would be possible for the Sheriff or the Chief to be present during the discussion.

Mr. Cullum replied, should we have the opportunity to bring the issue up during executive session, he would have no problem with inviting the Sheriff or the Chief and would certainly encourage their participation.

Mr. Cullum stated there was a motion on the floor to delay and asked for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler

Opposed:	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
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Committee of the Whole, T. Cullum, Chairman - Tax Billing Issue - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee of the Whole convened on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 to consider a request from Mr. James

Foushee that the property tax on parcel TMS# 001800-03-030 for the year 2004 be recalculated to reflect the 4 percent agricultural rate.

Mr. Foushee stated at the time he closed on the land he purchased in 2003, he paid the pro-rated County taxes based on the agricultural rate and was unaware that he would have to refile for the continued agricultural rate. He said at that time he asked that all correspondence be mailed to his address at 400 Weed Drive in Columbia rather than to his parents' home in North Carolina. Mr. Foushee said because of his parents' age, all correspondence they received was not forwarded to him. He said it was not until after he received a phone call from his mother that he became aware that the 2004 taxes had not been paid and the land was not classified as agricultural.

The Committee voted to recommend that Council reconsider the request.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the request that Mr. Foushee's property tax on parcel TMS# 001800-03-030 for the year 2004 be recalculated to reflect the 4 percent agricultural rate.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Davis asked that a copy of the memo from Mr. Rick Dolan, Director of Assessment and Equalization, outlining the chronological events be a part of the minutes.

Mr. Cullum replied, yes.

Mr. Cullum asked for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Technology Assessment Project - Information Services - Mr. Cullum reported the Committee of the Whole met during the afternoon to discuss the technology assessment project. The technology assessment project is a comprehensive assessment to be conducted by the South Carolina Chief Information Office (SC CIO) that would include the projection of written tactical and strategic technology plans for Lexington County. The cost of the assessment is \$20,000.

(A) - Request for Approval to Utilize Request for Proposals (RFP) Process for ROD

System - Register of Deeds - Also discussed during the Committee of the Whole was the request for approval to utilize the request for proposals (RFP) process for the Register of Deeds system.

Mr. Owens made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summer to approve the \$20,000 to engage the South Carolina Chief Information Office (SC CIO) to conduct the assessment as they have done for several state agencies.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Mr. Cullum noted that the vote also included the request from the Register of Deeds office to utilize the request for proposal (RFP) process for the Register of Deeds system.

Recommendations for Plan Review and Inspections - Public Works - Mr. Cullum reported that the Committee of the Whole considered this during its meeting earlier in the day.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Owens that this matter be delayed until the September 27th meeting.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if the delay only involved the fees; the reason he was asking was because Mr. Fechtel is very concerned about whether to fill the current vacancies and to delay would involve another 30 days.

Mr. Derrick stated that he agreed with Mr. Jeffcoat. He suggested that no action be taken on Exhibit A-1, but allow Mr. Fechtel to proceed with filling the vacancies in order that the department could do its job.

Mr. Davis withdrew his motion; Mr. Owens his second.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick and seconded by Mr. Owens that Mr. Fechtel be allowed to proceed with the hiring process to fill the two (2) positions and the fee schedule be addressed later.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked if the motion included the upgrade of the clerical position.

Mr. Cullum stated that the motion covered two (2) positions (one (1) reviewer and one (1) inspector) and one upgrade (part-time secretary to full-time) which would allow the implementation of Exhibit A-1. He stated the delay would involve the level of privatization integrated into the services.

Mr. Derrick commented that this was not part of his motion.

Mr. Cullum responded that he understood that and wanted to clarify what was actually being done; this would allow Mr. Fechtel to proceed with the hiring of personnel.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
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Mr. Owens	Mr. Davis
Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment M05-08 - Ginny Lane - Announcement of 1st Reading - Mr. Cullum announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M05-08.

Zoning Text Amendment T05-09 - Article 2, Application of Regulations, Chapter 5, Signs - Announcement of 1st Reading - Mr. Cullum announced first reading of Zoning Text Amendment T05-09.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Carrigg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the following bids/purchases/RFPs (4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) be approved.

Hewlett Packard - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of six (6) Hewlett Packard printers for Information Services. The requested printers are to replace existing equipment in four (4) County departments that will provide newer technology and improve productivity. The Hewlett printers will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, Hewlett Packard, through State Contract Number 05-S6656-A11230.

The cost of the printers including tax is \$6,277.32.

Lexington County Airport at Pelion - Fuel Farm Program - Procurement - Delayed.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV-Gator) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Staff recommended the purchase of one (1) all terrain vehicle (ATV-Gator) for Public Safety/Fire Service. The ATV-Gator will be purchased directly from the manufacturer, John Deere Company, through State Contract Number 03-S5826-A9611. The ATV-Gator will be used by Lexington County emergency response agencies to mitigate terrorist or disaster related incidents. The grant procedures have been approved by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety and will involve no cost by the County.

The cost of the ATV-Gator including sales tax is \$7,500.43.

Architectural/Engineering Services - Construction of Five (5) Fire Stations; Additions to Five (5) Existing Fire Stations - An "Opinion of Probable Construction Costs" for the construction of five (5) new fire stations and additions to five (5) existing fire stations has been received from John Derrick, Derrick & Dunlap, Architects. The new fire stations will be Corley Mill, Cedar Grove, Fish Hatchery Road, Chapin and Lake Murray. Station additions include Red Bank, Mack Edisto, Amick's Ferry, Crossroads and Pine Grove. Total cost for Architectural/Engineering services is \$152,523.00. This fee equates to six (6) per cent of the total construction cost which is less than the recommended percentage from the State Engineer's Guideline Fee Schedule. Funds are appropriated in fund 4504 (Fire Station Construction Fund) except for the Fish Hatchery Road project which is appropriated through HUD fund 2400.

Mobile Command Post - Public Safety/Sheriff's Department - Maj. George Brothers, Homeland Security Coordinator submitted a purchase request and recommendation for the purchase of one (1) Mobile Command Post for the Department of Public Safety/Sheriff's Department. The Command Post will be manufactured by Farber Specialty Vehicles and purchased through the Federal 1122 Program/General Services Administration (GSA) contract number GS-30F-008N. The purchase will be processed through the County of Greenville, the program administrators for the Federal 1122 program. The command post will be housed with the JET Team and be available by request for all incidents within the County or outside the County if County resources are utilized. The grant procedures have been approved by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). Total cost including applicable taxes and installation \$204,897.00.

Roadway Improvements Ben Franklin Road - "C" Funds - Public Works - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified contractors for improvements to Ben Franklin Road Project. Project includes the construction of approximately 32,789 L.F. of roadway and other appurtenances; an estimated 100 L.F. of 15", 3,234 L.F. of 18" and 694 L.F. of 24" R.C. pipe, 51,822 C.Y. of excavation, 100 C.Y. of rock excavation, 3,952 tons rip rap, 83,900 S.Y. of sand-clay base course (8"), 6,466.7 tons of asphalt surface course and 25,150 S.Y. of permanent turf reinforcement mat (Type 1). Four (4) bids were received. Staff recommended that the contract be awarded to Mabus Brothers Construction Company as the lowest responsive bidder. Total cost based on estimated quantities \$1,744,948.13.

Request for Approval to Utilize Request for Proposals Process for a Document Imaging System - Register of Deeds/Information Services - Staff requested the approval to use the Request for Proposals process to select the services of a qualified consultant/contractor to provide the County with a Document Imaging System for the Register of Deeds Department. Current contract for hardware, software and services that provide line-of-business and document imaging expires November 2006 and it is not in the best interest of the County to extend the contract. Due to the scope of the project, it is not practical or advantageous to write a comprehensive set of specifications that may limit resources or restrict competition. In selecting a consultant/contractor, other award criteria in addition to cost will be considered. A review panel will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating proposals based upon specific evaluation factors.

Caron Wheel Tips/Sole Source Procurement - Solid Waste Management - The Department of Solid Waste Management submitted a purchase request for replacement of Caron Wheel Tips for a 2004 Caterpillar 826-G Compactor to include labor and transportation. In accordance with the Total Maintenance and Repair Contract (TMR) all ground engaging tools should be replaced with genuine Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Caterpillar parts. This will ensure that the Total Maintenance and Repair Contract (TMR) for this equipment will not be voided. This purchase has been deemed a sole source through Blanchard Machinery Company as the sole factory authorized dealer for South Carolina. Cost including labor, transportation and applicable sales tax is \$53,145.00.

Repair Transfer Station Trash Chute - Solid Waste Management - Bids were solicited to repair the Transfer Station Trash Chute. Two (2) bids were received. In soliciting bids, an alternate bid

for the contractor to work seven (7) days a week/24 hours per day was requested. An option for repairing the sheet metal on the wall of the trash chute was also included. Staff recommended that the bid be awarded to Palmetto Industrial Construction Company as the low bidder meeting specifications. Total cost including sales tax is \$50,898.00. Cost to repair trash chute \$46,998.00; cost to repair wall \$3,900.00. Due to the trash chute being unsafe and possible further structural damage if operations continued and repairs not made, Mr. Joe Mergo, Director of Solid Waste Management, sought Council's approval on August 11th to begin emergency repairs.

Filing System - Treasurer's Office / Delinquent Tax - Bids were advertised and solicited from qualified bidders for a filing system for the Treasurer's Office/Delinquent Tax. Current system is more than 30 years old and has been repaired numerous times over the last five (5) years. One (1) bid and two (2) no bids were received. Palmetto Shelving Systems, Incorporated and American Specialty indicated they do not offer this product or service.

The bid from Southern Business Systems, Incorporated in the amount of \$14,346.00 exceeded the projected budget. The County negotiated costs with Southern Business Systems, Incorporated to bring the project within budget. Southern Business Systems, Incorporated agreed to do the total contract including installation, trade-in of the old unit and applicable sales tax for \$11,729.58.

Architectural/Engineer Services - New Construction of Law Enforcement Service Center Located at Lexington County Airport at Pelion - Sheriff's Department - Delayed.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Owens

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Owens and seconded by Mr. Davis that Council go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters and receive the legal briefing.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg

Mr. Carrigg left at the conclusion of the executive session to attend a prior commitment.

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Cullum reported Council received the legal briefing and discussed personnel and contractual matters and reported no motions

were to be considered.

6:00 P.M. - Public Hearings - Zoning Map Amendment M05-07 - 2261 North Lake Drive - Mr. Cullum stated the purpose of the public hearing is to allow comments from the public, proponents and opponents. He asked each person to provide their name and address and limit their comments to three minutes. Mr. Cullum also asked that there be no disruptions including cheering, clapping, etc. He reiterated that the purpose is for Council to hear comments from the public.

Mr. Cullum recognized Mr. Bruce Hiller, Development Coordinator, Community Development Department. Mr. Hiller stated that the applicant, Donovan Harrison, has requested that the parcel of property located at 2261 North Lake Drive be changed from Neighborhood Commercial (C1) to General Commercial (C2). He stated that Mr. Harrison indicated on the application that the reason for the request is “ we are going to cook barbeque on a charcoal cooker and need to construct a building to house cooker under DHEC regulations. Current zoning will not allow expansion of activity since it is not allowed in C1 zoning.” Mr. Hiller stated that the question would be - how did that activity get there to begin with. He said actually that activity used to be Jimmy’s Grill and some other things before that, that have been there for a number of years and that is what we call a legal nonconforming issue. Mr. Hiller stated there was no problem with the activity remaining there as is, but any time there is a wish to expand that activity then the zoning classification would be required. Mr. Hiller reviewed the area and maps with a power point presentation.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for comments from those in favor of the amendment.

Mr. Donovan Harrison, 243 Shoreline Drive, Columbia, SC 29212 - I’m the owner/operator of Granny’s Carolina Barbeque, the restaurant that we’re trying to get the zoning map; I live in Yacht Cove. For the last seven years, I’ve been traveling to my grandmother’s Carolina Barbeque in New Ellenton, South Carolina. I’ve been looking for a place to do my own and so finally this property became available, here I am today trying to get the barbeque cooker in the back. I’ve got an 8 x 3 charcoal cooker sitting in the back yard of Carolina Barbeque in New Ellenton waiting for housing for it because we didn’t think, I remember being four or five years old getting hamburgers and hotdogs out of Jimmy’s Grill, so I knew that there was always a restaurant of some sort. But, essentially, it’s a steel-frame building that would be going up back there with the charcoal cooker housed under it. Under DHEC regulations, I have to have hot and cold water running to it and we’ve just got a little storage area in it, but, essentially, it’s just a, a housing for my charcoal cooker. That’s it. If it wasn’t for having to be C2 to add anything to it, I would have already had it, but we have no intentions of doing anything other than cooking in there. Just trying to improve the taste of our barbeque.

Mr. Phil Rodgers, 2252 North Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29212 - I live on the property across the street from the barbeque. The residents in the area, and I’m speaking for some people in the surrounding area, my family, my wife’s family, of course, and we have not a problem with this man building a barbeque pit. Our problem is changing this zoning to where any activity within a C2 can go on. Somebody wants to put a bar over there, a McDonald’s or whatever, that’s our objection. I mean, we’re all for him doing this but we have to sit on the fence with what would happen in the

future. There have been six businesses in that building in the last 15 years. So that's our concern. We hope he does well. We would never ever stop him from doing that, we don't want to stop him, but our concern is the zoning change. If there could be restrictions put there that when he leaves that a bar or a fast-food restaurant can not go in there, that's what we're after, that's what we want. I have no buffer. I have no woods in the highway, I am directly across the street, the highway. Thank you.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for anyone to speak who may not have signed up to speak. No one came forward.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for those in opposition to speak.

Mr. Cullum noted that no one signed up to speak in opposition to the rezoning and asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak in opposition to the request. No one came forward.

Mr. Cullum closed the public hearing.

Ordinance 05-06 - Authorizing Lexington County Rural Recreation District to Issue General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 - Mr. Cullum asked that Mr. Larry Mack, Chairman of the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission address Council.

Mr. Larry Mack, 421 Charlie Rast Road, Swansea, SC 29160 - I am currently the Chairman of the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission. I come before you tonight asking your support for this bond. These bonds are, I've served for a lot of years on the Recreation Commission and as you all know from what we have here, our County has had a tremendous growth. We've had so many requests for people to have places to practice and to play, especially in the Lexington area. It's been like 40 years since we've done anything up in this area, so there's a lot of needs and there's a lot of needs all over the County. I'm sure that you all got a handout about what we propose to do with the money and we ask for your support. I know tax time is tough and it's tough for everybody. I have to pay taxes, don't especially like to do that myself and certainly not the increase, but the only way that you have anything is to come before you and ask your help. Now this is not a want. This is a need. If it were a want then, I wouldn't be standing up here asking you to support us and help us. With that, I'll just ask if there's anything that we can do or any questions that we have from the standpoint of Jay or any of us, just let us know, and any way that we can help in your areas, please let us know.

Mr. Cullum asked Mr. Gibson or Ms. Heizer to address the purpose of the bonds.

Frannie Heizer, Attorney, McNair Law Firm, Bond Counsel, Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission - Briefly, because I know there are a lot of folks that want to speak to you tonight, the purpose of this hearing is, it's required by law that you all hold a public hearing as you go through the ordinance reading process. I think you may remember from the first reading of this ordinance that there are actually two bond issues being discussed. One is a refinancing or a

refunding as we call it of existing debt of the Commission. With today's interest rates and the interest rates that we think that will be available in the next about eight to ten weeks, the Recreation Commission could save it's taxpayers approximately \$500,000. That savings creates an opportunity to help pay the costs to defray the cost of the new set of bonds which would be the second bond issue that we are here about tonight. So this is a great opportunity to take advantage of lower interest rates on the existing debt to be able to help pay for the needed improvements that you're going to hear a lot about tonight. There is a list of improvements that go from a food distribution center, Lexington Dixie Youth ball facility, Pelion Park construction, Swansea-Gaston soccer, Pine View park renovation, Gilbert park, White Knoll park, Cayce, there'll be some improvements around Cayce including property purchase and construction, Gibson park, Lexington Aging facility expansion, aging and after school buses, maintenance for existing gym floors, so this is certainly a project list that hits all parts of the area that the District is responsible for. As I said, I think you're going to hear from a lot of folks about the need for these facilities. I can tell you that with the structuring of the refunding and the new money piece that it should be possible to pay for the new money bonds and these needed facilities with a total increase in millage of approximately 1.25 mills and I know as we say nobody likes to raise taxes but that's about as small a possible tax increase as you would ever face when trying to fund \$17 million worth of very needed facilities. So if we can answer any questions for you during your public hearing or at the conclusion please let us know. Thank you a lot.

Prior to opening the meeting for comments, Mr. Cullum reminded everyone to keep comments within the three minute time period, disruptions to a minimum and everyone can be heard. He opened the meeting for comments from those in opposition to Ordinance 05-06.

Mr. Carl Jordan, 145 Willow Drive, Lexington, SC 29072 - Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I came here tonight, well for the meeting today at 4:30 just to see what was going on and then I saw that on the Agenda, there would be a public hearing and since I found out there would be a tax increase involved, I just felt compelled to speak about it and I really hate to deny any of these kids a place to play ball or anything like that, but I would appreciate it if the Council could, you know, take a good look at this and maybe a sharp pencil, if necessary, to this proposal and some way figure out how to do it within the existing funding structure, maybe some kind of phase in program or rather than increasing our taxes, I mean, we just had a one percent increase here for education and now we're facing reassessment again, that's going to cost us more and I'd just like to be able to do things within existing millage if at all possible, sir. Lexington County is growing and we do have a big appetite too for this growth, but I just feel like that our tax base is growing too, so if there is some way that we could try to kind of have this growth we have and kind of mesh it up with our revenues coming in so we wouldn't have to have a tax increase to keep pace with revenues I'd really appreciate it. Let's try to save these dollars rather than going into debt. We talking about going into debt. I think that's a fine idea refinancing the bonds you saving money, but still the bottom line is that it's a one and a quarter mills that the person from McNair said and to tell you the truth, you know, when I was growing up we kind of played at the school ballfield and places like that and some of this and I have three grandchildren, some of this looks pretty luxurious to me, some of these facilities and accommodations, you know, and, but members of the Council, I guess the bottom line to me is this, if you vote yes for this what you telling me is Carl Jordan we want you to live on

less money. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bill Monts, 443 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072 - Mr. Chairman and members of Council, I don't think I have to say a whole lot because I think you all know where I stand. I'm opposed to any tax increase. These people got one and a half mills last year, they're back in here with their hand out again for one and a quarter mills. Where is it going to stop? I like to have things for my grandchildren too, but I also like to be able to live on a fixed income, which I have, and I think it's time to stop and think about where we're spending our money. It's nice for recreational situations, but at a point in time you have to say no, no more for a while, live within your means. Now if they can refund or pay off their debt and come out cheaper with what they save let them spend it on the parks, but don't increase taxes. I thank you.

Mr. Cullum stated that no one else had signed up to speak in opposition and asked if there was anyone else who had come in that wanted to speak in opposition. No one asked to speak.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for those who wished to speak in favor of Ordinance 05-06. He stated that approximately 30-35 people had signed to speak. Mr. Cullum stated that he did not want to deny anyone the opportunity to speak, however, if someone has spoken and you concur with those comments you can provide your name and address and indicate that you concur with a previous speaker.

Mr. Richard Kneece, 2550 Pine Street, Pelion, SC 29123 - Mr. Chairman, members of Council, I'm the president of the Pelion Athletic program, I'm just representing the, all the many children and the youth that play out in the Pelion area and their parents and all the supporters in our community. We get a tremendous amount of support. Over the past numerous years we've had, you know, rumors of a new park or a new complex being built in Pelion, we're not really begging, we're not really poor mouthing our facilities we have, we are using our facilities in a very efficient manner, but we are running in excess of 350 participants just in the Spring alone with the athletic program that we have there and our fields are over used. We look forward to being able to, all of us in support of this bond proposal being able to possibly get some new facilities out in the Pelion area, we're not looking for any luxurious type of ball park, we do look for, you know, something equivalent possibly to what's been done in other places, but in also being able to take those funds and possibly renovating, you know, part of the fields that we have and the facilities we have and use them in a very, very efficient manner which would get our community and our ball park improved to be able to suffice to growth that we're experiencing out in the Pelion area. I don't need to tell anyone here tonight of the growth that we're experiencing in that area. There are schools already being planned. There's tremendous growth there. There's numerous folks signed up on this list that are really just in support of what I'm saying here tonight and they don't necessarily want to speak, but they just want to be here to be represented. You got numerous children here that support our cause also. So we would just really, really like your support in being able to improve our facilities out in Pelion and I'm sure you'll be able to get a lot of support from our community.

Mr. Charles W. Haggard, 991 Mulberry Street, Pelion, SC 29123 - I'm here to speak in favor of this bond issue for one reason tonight. First, we have approximately 11 soccer teams in Pelion. There

are approximately 20 soccer teams in the Swansea/Gaston area. There are no, zero soccer fields for these kids to practice on. They practice on the playground at the elementary school, old baseball fields and there's no place for them to play. When they go to play, they have to go to Batesburg, they have to go to Lexington or to Cayce/West Columbia. Soccer is one of the fastest growing sports that we have today and I think that you will see in the next couple of years a large increase in the number of soccer teams in the lower end of the County and in the rest of the County. I appreciate you letting me come up and speak tonight and just again I'd like to urge you to vote for this bond issue for the children of our County. Thank you.

Ms. Heather Jackson, P. O. Box 545, Pelion, SC 29123 - Concurred with Mr. Kneece.

Mr. Reynolds Poole, 1546 Redmond Road, Lexington, SC 29073 - Concurred with Mr. Kneece and Mr. Haggard.

Ms. Wendy Poole, 1546 Redmond Road, Lexington, SC 29073 - Concurred.

Ms. Lisa Dial, 622 Fulmer Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - Concurred with Mr. Kneece and Mr. Haggard.

Mr. Sam Jackson, P. O. Box 545, Pelion, SC 29123 - I reside at 537 Pelion Road and I'm on the local board here and I'm also the Mayor Pro Tem in Pelion working under Mr. Haggard here. I want to thank you for this opportunity. The 356 kids he talked about was only for baseball, that's not for soccer. So if you do the math, we have three fields, that's an average of 100 kids that have to play on each field a night. That doesn't count football, it doesn't count soccer. I pay a lot of property tax too and I've been on ya'lls case about that some, but I think we have a real need here and really would appreciate your support in anything you could do for us. Thank you.

Mr. Jeff Dial, 622 Fulmer Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - Concurred with Mr. Kneece and Mr. Haggard.

Ms. Kim Kneece, 2550 Pine Street, Pelion, SC 29123 - Concurred with previous speakers.

Mr. Cullum recognized Mark, Andrew and Caleb Kneece; Ms. Kneece indicated that they also concurred.

Mr. Cullum asked if Tim was also with Ms. Kneece.

Mr. Jackson noted that Tim (Jackson) was asleep but he concurred.

Ms. Susan Goodenough, 921 Tindal Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - I concur with Mr. Kneece and Mr. Haggard. As a soccer coach myself, out there trying to practice our girls in a little old 12 x 12 area trying to find a space and not get pushed out because of baseball and football, we really are growing out there, especially in soccer and it's the same for football and baseball and we really need the fields. Like we said we're not asking for luxurious fields, but just some place that we can practice. Thank you.

Mr. Al Beard, 211 Ashley Oaks Drive, Lexington, SC 29072 - Mr. Chairman, members of Council, thank you for allowing me to address you tonight. I am here in support of the bond issue. I understand the cost of the bond will be about \$6.00 annually for a \$100,000 home. I find that less than two cents a day. Personally, for me, it cost about \$15.00 a year or a gallon of gas. My question though is how much would it cost to house a juvenile offender, you know, per year. If we don't have enough fields for kids to play, we're going to turn them away for lack of facilities and where do you think they're going to go, it's not going to be church. They're more likely to turn their attention to trouble, gangs, drugs, wherever they can find attention or something to do. We need money to make improvements to our recreational facilities. District IV has consistently turned out state champions in several age groups year after year in Dixie Baseball. This year, two teams from our district represented South Carolina in the World Series. To our opponents, we bring some of the toughest competition around but yet our facilities are lacking. As parents and business leaders, we must ensure our children have safe and secure facilities. We must keep them at wholesome organized activities like youth sports if we expect to keep them out of trouble. A great example and proof of investing wisely in our youth is the soccer field facility at Gibson Road and Old Barnwell. In April of this year the SCYC state tournament was held there over two days. One hundred five teams participated in that event. We estimate the economic impact for Lexington was approximately \$2.5 million. That's over two days. If we were to host the World Series here in a new ball park or, which we would need to be able to get that, there would be 26 teams coming here from 13 states. They would be here a week. Freedom Florence hosted this in 2003. They estimated their economic impact from that was \$4 million. That's in one week. Other towns and counties around the state have recognized this and they're bringing money in from youth sports, money that could be coming into Lexington County not going out. Those are towns like Rock Hill at Cherry Park, Freedom Florence in Florence, Citizens Park in Aiken, North Augusta, Anderson, the new Byerly Park in Hartsville. All of these towns are smaller than we are. I don't see us really doing a whole lot, but we just need to do this. I travel around the state photographing teams and tournaments year round. I don't see any better competition than is right here in our back yard. What I do see is some fantastic facilities. I have personally invested over \$150,000 through donations and sponsorships in the last 15 years to these organizations in the Midlands. I don't regret it for a second. I wish I could do more. In 2002 I heard a national director say they would like to have a single central place where they could hold the World Series every year much like Williamsburg does for Little League and they were looking at South Carolina at that time and they held the tournament in Florence the following year, who by the way is trying to get it again for 2007. It could still happen, but without a new ball park there's no hope for that becoming a reality. The park we have over here in Lexington is over 40 years old. I believe we've made do long enough, it's time. I ask you to say yes to our children and say yes to this bond issue.

Mr. Carl Sherwood, 4065 Venetian Road, West Columbia, SC 29170 - Chairman, Council members, I come before you tonight as the League President of Dixie Youth Baseball in Pineview which is located off of Methodist Park Road. First I'd like to take the opportunity to just bring you up to date on the amount of families that we represent in our ball league facility which in the Spring time we operate anywhere between 325 and 375 kids in our Spring season. We are also one of the only leagues in the community that provides Fall ball for all the surrounding areas including the Midlands, West Columbia, Gaston area, in that area, so we do provide a Fall ball series during the off season

also. Pineview has been in operation for over 45 years. The league was created in the Lexington County community as a non-profit organization for one reason. That reason being opportunity for all kids. The definition of opportunity is endless as when you offer opportunity you offer much more than just learning or playing baseball. Pineview baseball is an opportunity to build social skills and lasting friendships. We also offer the opportunity to be part of something positive to learn, grow, and share success with family and friends. Our opportunity expands from players to coaches and parents to build self esteem, confidence and pride in the growth that takes place year to year from every child. Pineview has seen many phases in the growth of the league. This league not only gives opportunity to the players and instills friendship among the parents and has proven to provide leadership in our community. I stand here on behalf of the players, parents and the board of directors of Pineview to request much needed funding that would be included in this bond referendum to rebuild, not repair, rebuild our sports complex. We're one of the few that started 45 years ago and we're in desperate need of repairs. Our canteen is in serious need of repairs to the extent that it is more costly to repair the facility than it is to tear it down and build a new one. We would like to expand our fields to include a field dedicated 100 percent to our PAL baseball league. I have a spokesman with me that will go into detail about the PAL baseball league, but it's the only league within a 100 mile radius of Columbia that provides a service and a league for the physically handicapped in our community and the surrounding communities. No one has this field. The closest field is in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This field would enable us, if this bond referendum goes through, to have a special field dedicated just for this purpose and a very needed purpose. Currently, we share our fields with each league in order to meet the demands of playing needs for the league. Based over the years, we have drainage problems on all of our fields that impede the league's ability to play games in a timely manner after it rains. In addition, the growth of the population in our community has allowed our league to grow two to three teams on average each year over the last three years. The population is increasing that's why everybody is here. With your help the growth and update of our facility will increase our league's ability to accommodate the new growth in our population, to provide a clean, maintained facility for our players, parents and coaches and will allow us the opportunity to grow the heart of our league which is the PAL baseball league at our facility. We pride ourselves on leading by example. With your help and the help of the community, we would like to continue the legacy of Pineview by continuing the opportunity to all. And I would only ask and I come before you on a positive note, I would be glad to pay the millage because I don't think you can put a price on your child's, investment in a child. We were all children once and we're all going to have children and grandchildren ahead of us. As the gentleman spoke before me, you can provide them a place of entertainment or you can provide them a place to stay. You got a choice and I'd like for your help on any of it. If there's any other questions, please feel free to contact us. I have a spokesperson with me to represent the PAL league tonight, would like to speak on it also. Thanks very much.

Ms. Regina Barton, 535 Kitti Wake Drive, West Columbia, SC 29170 - Chairman, County Council, I am here to represent the Pineview PAL Baseball League and hopefully what we will call the miracle league. I'm honored to ask to speak on this league coming as someone who was a coach, who has been the PAL Commissioner, more importantly, I'm probably the biggest PAL fan you'll find and very, just proud to say that I have two children that have grown up through Pineview being PAL ballplayers, PAL buddies. I have two perfectly healthy children who've spent the last nine

years being PAL volunteers and I can't tell you what my children have learned from these special needs children. There's more of a lesson about these children that can be taught on a baseball field that could ever be taught in a classroom. You don't learn to respect each other as much as you do until you step foot on our field and you look at these guys play baseball. I want to give you some statistics that you know, I'm sure you've probably heard before. In our Nation's 2000 U.S. census, we have 5.2 million physically handicapped and mentally handicapped children. That's in our Nation. In our midlands, Richland and Lexington county area, we have 20,000 physically and mentally challenged children; 20,000 in our Lexington and Richland area. We are the only league that caters to that and I don't even say cater, we're honored to be there. This league was started in 1993 because of one child. His name was Ryan Jennings. He sat there at every game and every practice that his brother Stuart played in and every time a board member passed he'd say I want to play baseball, I want to play baseball. Well the board member, her name was Paula Woodleaf, sat down with Ryan and his mom at a kitchen table and they developed the PAL league which had its first game in April 2004. Started out with two teams, we're now up to 45 children and I can promise you that if you build this miracle field for our children that you will have 250 PAL players on this field. We will open up a whole new league and bring in more children and offer them opportunity to play real baseball instead of sitting there on the other side of the fence looking at other people play. I had a great speech and I'm not even going to go into it. I'm going to read you a letter and I think this really says it all. This letter comes from a child by the name of Danny Poole and he wrote this and this was printed in one of our year books and you can see that it's in Danny's writing. "Dear Mom: Please let me play ball. I've always wanted to play a sport. At school, no one will let me play. On CWC Jaycees I get to be with other boys and girls just like me. Please, please, please, let me stay on the team. That's all I want. I want to be with them. They are my friends. I want to show Frankie what I can do with a crowd behind me all the way. Just let me go for the gold. I can stay on the team. Please, can I stay? Love, Daniel." Danny needed a double lung transplant and a heart transplant and died at the age of 16. And I will tell you that Danny speaks for every kid out there. Please support this and give us our miracle field.

Mr. John Owings, 240 Dixieland Trail, Leesville, SC 29070 - I'm the parent of a 17-year-old boy that has multiple disabilities and I strongly advocate the miracle field not only from a standpoint of my son, but for other children that have disabilities, physical, mental, and a lot of kids have disabilities that are not quite visible as that. So, you've got a lot of kids that would like to participate in these kind of sports, but the facilities themselves are not conducive to playing on them or are that safe. The miracle field is something that's growing across the country. Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Arizona and states across the country are realizing that they need to come up with a suitable field with accommodations for children that have disabilities. They, too, deserve an opportunity to have a level playing field and participate as their peers do. I strongly advocate this. I think I speak for other parents that have children with disabilities. My son has played in this league since 1999, very enthusiastic when Saturdays roll around or middle of the week rolls around and he can go to practice with his PAL buddies. But I think it's something, it's not a nice to have thing, I think it's a something that's a necessity for the disabled community. I'd just like to read something here real quick that comes from the Arizona miracle league and it's kind of self-explanatory. "The kind of miracle we're creating is the self-esteem and empowerment that comes from suddenly being able to do something you thought was impossible. And when you do see it in that moment of realization

you know that nothing is really impossible if you put your heart to it. We want to empower the special needs and handicapped community to see that they, too, are capable of doing anything they can dream of by being able to do something that many kids in the community often take for granted enjoying the simple pleasure of getting on a ballfield and participating in the great American pastime of playing baseball with their friends.” Thank you.

Mr. John Pitts, 244 Jeter Road, Gilbert, SC 29054 - Thank you for hearing us tonight. Before I start with what I had planned, I want to concur with these people. My sister-in-law, Vivian Pitts, used to help with that league. It’s a fantastic league. I grew up playing baseball in this area. I played at the same parks and the same fields that are there right now. I played at Midland, I played in Pineview and Mohawk Drive and also in Lexington. My dad, which can’t be here today, he coached when I was young but also he continued coaching Lexington High School, also went on to coach Congaree American Legion, which in their time in the 80's was a very good team. He still coaches softball right now. I’ve been involved in youth baseball for the last 14 years. The last 12 of which have been in Lexington serving as a coach, an umpire and now a board member. I have coached and personally touched the lives of over 350 kids in this area including about 10 that are now playing high school ball for White Knoll and Lexington. I’ve coached many all star teams traveling to places like Aiken, Mt. Pleasant, Mauldin and I have watched these kids walk into those parks eyes wide open and say, “wow, I wish I lived here.” The parks are fantastic areas. I’ve also been in communities much smaller than ours like Dacusville up near Easley, Wren up near Clemson, and although their leagues are much smaller than ours, their fields and their conditions are a lot better than ours. We have over 900 kids in our league. We have over 600 already signed up for Fall ball. They’re playing on sub-par fields and sub-par conditions. It’s time, Council members, it’s time to make a change, it’s time to upgrade and rebuild the facility at Lexington County Sport Complex, it’s time to give our kids and our community a complex to be proud of. It’s time that we have our other kids and other parents come from around the state and around the nation to come to Lexington and say, “wow I wish I lived there.” Thank you folks.

Ms. Angela M. Wilson, 3335 Calks Ferry Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - I agree with the previous speakers.

Mr. Andrew Prevette, 3291 Calks Ferry Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - I concur.

Ms. Angela Taylor, 3291 Calks Ferry Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - I concur and I also want to say that when soccer is going on, daylight savings time, we don’t have lighting to practice, we have to practice early and working it’s kind of hard to practice. I drive three to four nights a week taking my two to Lexington to play. So it would be great if we could get a complex out there to the baseball, football, soccer.

Mr. Sam Jackson, 537 Pelion Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - I concur with the previous speakers.

Mr. Ken Parkman, 997 I. W. Hutto Road, Swansea, SC 29160 - Mr. Chairman, members of Council, I am here to speak in support of the bond as President of the Lower Lexington Soccer Club. As many of you know, the Swansea/Gaston area of Lexington County is in a population growth mode.

Our school's population has increased to the point that in the year 2006 we'll be reclassified and moved from 2A to 3A. Our area is not an area of high incomes as supported by the fact that 52.4 percent of our student population qualifies for free lunch and an additional 8.9 percent for reduced lunch. Our area is primarily blue collar workers that find land more affordable than in other areas of the county and like other rural areas our sports programs thrive due to the fact that other opportunities for young people are non-existent. As you know, there is a direct correlation between kids being involved in organized sporting events and whether they end up in trouble with law enforcement and/or school. The more youth we can keep involved, the less we will spend on them in prisons. In 1998, we organized our first soccer team from the Gaston/Swansea area. From having one team in the Fall of '98, we have consistently grown with the number of young people participating each and every year. Soccer is the only sport in our communities that has brought the Gaston and Swansea youth together to play organized sports. Friendships have developed between the two areas, they have had a positive impact on the people that live in each area. In the 2004 and 2005 season, we had 37 teams playing with 442 young people involved in organized soccer. This growth has led to a major problem of space for these teams to practice. The only field that we have is a converted baseball field. In the Fall, we had 18 teams trying to practice on that field, in the Spring, we had 19 teams using it. The grass on our field is bahia and you're probably familiar with that grass, it's the one on the side of the road that keeps popping the seed heads up and it's not desirable for an athletic field. I have shown you pictures up here and I hope you share those with each other. Those were taken on two separate days and it shows the drainage problem that we have which makes the fields unplayable after the rains. Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. today and our area is no different. To say that we need a soccer facility to serve the Gaston/Swansea area is an understatement. We're in dire need of the space to keep these young people involved. Two years ago, we approached the school board with a petition that contained 321 names of people that were in support of getting soccer in the school as a varsity sport and this is that petition. I have that petition and I can show you that without a doubt that the support is larger than that today. In August of 1999, our area was asked to support a bond referendum for the Recreation and Aging Commission to build facilities in all the areas. Dr. Frank Vail, District IV Superintendent, addressed Council and I will close with a few of his comments. "I appreciate the efforts and responsibilities Council has in maintaining and monitoring the growth in this County. As a school district superintendent, just dealing with the growth is a mammoth undertaking. First of all let me say the school district has an extremely good working relationship with Lexington County Recreation and we enjoy their cooperative effort that I think exists between all the agencies throughout Lexington County. It is with pleasure that I fully endorse the proposal for expanding the senior citizens facilities and the soccer facilities in the areas that Mr. Criscione has mapped out. Dealing with growth means that these services will have to expand constantly. We deal with it as a school district and you deal with it as a county. If you don't continue to expand, you will ultimately end up having to cut services and that affects the quality of life. I think we are all about trying to improve, or at least maintain, the quality of life which means in a growth area we have to constantly expand our services. If we don't constantly expand, then it means that the senior citizens do and they get pushed out and have to drag tables around. It means the youth, instead of being on soccer fields and baseball fields are out in the streets and that creates another problem for us. There is a cost impact on everything whether we have it or we don't have it. The cost impact is there and we pay one way or another." Lady and gentlemen on Council, we stood with you in 1999 in support of that bond. The

bond passed and our area received the much needed senior citizen's center and many of your areas received the soccer facilities. Tonight we are asking you to stand with us and help us get our facilities so we can continue to serve the youth in the Swansea/Gaston area. And I thank you for supporting the youth of Lexington County.

Mr. Billy Huckabee, 1142 Lee Circle, West Columbia, SC 29169 - Concurred with what Mr. Mack said earlier.

Mr. James Thompson, 140 Cannon Trail, Lexington, SC 29073 - Good afternoon, County Council, thank you for letting me come forward. I am President of Dixie Youth Baseball in Lexington. I've been before you before. I'll come again. I'll come as many times as I need to. We have over 900 children playing ball right over here on Ball Park Road. On any given Saturday, I'm sure you're tired of hearing this story, but I got to tell you one more time; we have anywhere from 30 to 35 baseball games going on six fields. Run the numbers, that tells you how early we start, how late we finish. We have 73 teams playing out there at the ball park. We see massive construction going on around Lexington. Lot of construction going on, a lot of progress, but while we keep singing Lexington County is the place to move to, Lexington County is the place to raise your kids, Lexington County is great a school district, lake access, but yet we continue to lack in bolstering up our recreational facilities. It's just not adding up. We go around, like some of the other gentlemen and ladies have said, we see these grand ball parks. We're not asking for a cadillac. We just need to keep our kids off the street, give them a place to play, keep them out of jail, keep them out of juvenile criminal justice academy, DJJ, you all know what I'm talking about, and keep them on a ballfield of some sort. I don't care if it's soccer, I don't care, whatever, we just need to keep our kids off the street. This park has had minimal improvements. I'm not going to go and belabor that point, but the park is 40 plus years old, it's had minimal improvements since 1990 when I became involved with my children and we strongly urge you to step up, help us out, help all these groups out and I, like Mr. Beard said earlier, I can forego that little bit of money eating out once or twice per year. Thank you.

Ms. Wendy Poole, 1926 Highway 178, Swansea, SC 29160 - Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight. I am the Vice President of Lexington County Girls Soccer Association in the Pelion area. When I started as the Vice President three years ago, we had 45 girls and just four teams. In the Spring of 2005, we had 11 teams and 127 girls registered to play in the Pelion area ages four to 18. We are growing and don't have a soccer field to practice on. We practice in the parking lot at Cooper's ball park on the outside hoping to get a little light from the baseball during the Spring because we can't use those fields. We also practice at the elementary school during the daylight hours only on dirt and gravel. This is all at a disadvantage to our girls. None of these fields are soccer fields and have lines or grass. When we travel to Lexington to play our games on Saturday, for the new girls that have never seen a soccer field, they don't understand when a coach tells them what position to play on these fields because most of these girls have never seen a soccer field. We lose girls to other areas because their programs can offer them the lighted fields to the teams and the coaches don't have to worry about practicing in parking lots, front yards or on a playground. In the Spring of 2006, Pelion High School will have their first JV soccer team. Our rec program is what will feed these teams their players. I hope you understand that this is a growing

sport and will see fit to vote for the bond referendum so that our community will have more to offer our children. We need to provide these children with programs for recreation and to keep them physically fit and out of trouble. Thank you again for your time.

Ms. Sarah Scott, 207 Dale Drive, Gaston, SC 29053 - Let me start by thanking the members of the Council for allowing me the opportunity to speak with you this evening. What I would like to talk to you about is the increasing number of kids in youth athletics in the lower Lexington County area. I have been playing soccer since I was eight years old and each year there is an increasing interest involvement in sports activities such as baseball, soccer, and football. With this increasing interest we have outgrown our current athletic facilities. Due to this lack of field space, my current soccer team as well as several other teams have been forced to travel to other parts of the County to find field space. We would all greatly appreciate your consideration of funding of a sports facility for the lower Lexington County area. As Mr. Parkman said, it keeps kids involved and happy and healthy so that we don't have a crime problem, as much as one. Youth athletics teaches teamwork and teamwork builds great communities. Thank you.

Ms. Connie Lindler, 429 Crestridge Drive, Lexington, SC 29073 - Concurred with previous speakers.

Mr. Larry Sharpe, 421 South Main Street, Gaston, 29053 - I know a lot of you on Council here and I know what's before you tonight so I feel for you being in a little politics myself. I want to give you just a little background of the Gaston area. As you know, I think we're about the second largest, or fastest growing area in Lexington County right now. We are on an upswing with new businesses, new residents coming in and I would like to say that the Gaston area does not have any kind of softball facility, I mean soccer facility. It's been like that from as far as I was back coaching some 15 years ago. I heard some comments made about special needs for special teams, handicapped. I had the privilege about 15 years ago coaching little T-ball team and we had one child on there that he played all year long, he made two home runs at every game, every game that he played in he made two home runs. He was a special child. I would always talk to the opposing coach when he came out and this child would come up and we would put the ball up, we wouldn't pitch it, we'd put it on a T and let him hit it. It would go out, everybody would just run around and let that child come in and make the home runs. This child had one leg. Okay. He had an artificial leg put on there. It was a privilege just to have that child out there playing and I've watched the Gaston area grow right now and with the soccer teams and I think they stated somewhere between 18 and 19 soccer teams with no facility in the area. They're having to beg, borrow, go somewhere else, why should our teams have to travel to Batesburg or somewhere just to practice or play. We are on the lower end of Lexington County. It has been stated we are the blue collar section down there, but I tell you, we're a striving community on the lower end of Lexington County. We, I've had the opportunity to talk with a lot of our residents down there. A small increase in their taxes, they don't mind. I'm a granddad. I have six grandchildren. They range from 10 months to 17 years. I had the privilege of coaching my oldest grandson. Best time I ever had I'll tell you right now. Also, now, coming to being a mayor of a small town, which is growing, we also have a small police department and I see what happens when a child is not active in something. If they're not active in some kind of sports or other activities, they're going to be on the streets, they're going to wind up in trouble, they're going to wind up on some kind of, right now, it's dope everywhere you look. You want to keep

these children active. I'll tell you right now. This is our future. When you look at all these children around here, this is our future, that's what we're counting on. We're getting older as everybody knows and someone has to take over so we want to keep these children active in the community. What I'm saying, I know how it is with money because I have a very limited budget, I know where you're coming from. But I have also done a poll in my area, a couple dollars a year is not going to hurt the people. That's fine when it comes to your children and grandchildren. The rewards from it are going to benefit, the couple dollars you are going to have to spend for it. But I'd like for you all to make a wise decision tonight or whenever you are going to make it, let's support our children. You see advertisements on television, take a child fishing. Now some of these mothers can't take the children fishing, I don't believe they will go out there and put a worm on a hook, but they will take them to a ballfield, okay. They'll get out there and they'll watch them and they'll shout and they'll holler, they'll go home just as hoarse as they can be, give out and they'll get up and go to work the next morning. They've had the best time they've ever had and that child is doing something productive. So I would like to take this opportunity, please consider what you're, the decision you're about to make. I've found out that, when I first went in as mayor I thought I could please everybody. Well it didn't take me but about a half a day to find out that that's not going to happen, okay, you're going to have some that you'll never please no matter how you work it. So you just go ahead and do with your heart and your mind and let's give these children what they deserve. Thank you.

Senator Jake Knotts, Member, Lexington County Delegation - I want to give you something that the kids want to make sure that you got tonight because I took and drove them down there and drove them back. These are the shirts from the World Series if you'll just take whatever size you can pick out and keep it and remember this is what came from Auburn, Alabama and, Todd, they appreciate the help that you gave them to go there. I had the privilege last year to come here and ask you to support the senior citizens with their need for meals on wheels. I'm like you, I have a hard time making a decision whenever it comes to tax increase on a budget or whatever. But, you know sometimes we have to look back and realize that asking for a tax millage increase in this is not asking for a tax increase, it's asking for an investment in our children. Long before I was ever in politics, Joe, you know it, I supported baseball, softball, coached, everything. I have skating parties for our youth. I support basketball teams from Batesburg, Gilbert, Lexington, everywhere, West Columbia, with the Recreation Commission. I got so many pictures of soccer teams, basketball teams, baseball teams in my office so I had to get a bigger office and thank goodness I got up in seniority. You know, to take a team and to be from a county like Lexington County and drive those kids all the way to Auburn, Alabama, the Chapin team and the Midlands team and to see them play their heart out against Lexington which I also sponsor teams in Lexington, to see them up against Brian Keyes, who I'm asking to come out and help me with road projects, he's the coach on one team, and here's my team over here at Midlands playing them. I wanted one of them for the championship for the district. I wanted one of them to win. I knew one of them was going to win and go to the State championship down in Conway which I went down there every night and drove back because I had meetings in my office. But to watch those kids play the way they play and to play because they want to go to what's that sound 'Bama bound and we heard that all the way to Alabama and we stayed with them every night in Alabama because we beat everybody. We didn't beat them just barely beat them in Conway, we beat them 16 to 1, 14 to 2, 12 to nothing, stopping it in the

fourth, stopping in the third, I mean, we, we showed South Carolina what we got in Lexington County and that's good youth. And then, we go to Alabama and we came back, our Chapin team got sent home and tied for I think third or fourth, but, tied for third, but those little boys nine, ten year old boys from right out here in the Midlands that wiped out everybody in the State, they got beat the first night in the rain, in the mud, on a field that was brand new and this facility was beautiful, I mean it was beautiful and then they came back and that was Florida and we played them again three or four days later and we sent them home just like we sent Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, we sent them all home. Where did we send them home from, Alabama. You know what those boys said. We wish we would have had a facility in South Carolina because the Dixie Youth Baseball League wanted to have it this year, the 50th anniversary of the Dixie Youth Baseball; in South Carolina right here in Lexington County, but we couldn't do it because we didn't have the facility that would accommodate the Dixie World Series. Now, those boys looked at those shirts and they said, I started out as Senator Knotts, then I got to be Mr. Jake, and then I got to be the Driver on the way back when they got their trophy and they set that big trophy up in the window and brought it all the way back from Auburn, Alabama, I was the driver then and they said will you go down and help us get a facility and take these shirts to these Council members and let them know that if we get a facility these teams will be buying shirts from Lexington, South Carolina taking it to their home instead of us having to bring them from Auburn, Alabama. But it was a beautiful field. But, they had to rush to get it fixed because it was just one of those deals where they had to have the Dixie Youth World Series and all and I just think that in Lexington County we're not asking you, I don't consider this as a tax increase, I consider this as an investment in our children. And an investment in our children, when you go over here to the jail, I asked the Sheriff just earlier, a few minutes ago, I said how much does it cost to house one person, once he grows up and gets into the life of crime in the Lexington County Jail for one night and you all are funding it, \$44.00 for one night in Lexington County. And in the State of South Carolina it's about \$14 to \$15,000 a year and I have, like I said, soccer teams; football teams, not football teams, haven't done that yet, but I've been asked to, baseball teams; soccer teams; got a championship soccer team from Lexington over here, got a picture just yesterday, brought them up to the State House last year, recognized them for being the champions. These are kids, gentlemen and ladies, that are not trying to get out and get in trouble, they're trying to do it the way that they are brought up to do it, they got parents that are interested, they got the community that's interested and we need to be of interest. I've got kids on my skating party that started out 175 strong in 1995 and I have it every year. I've got people now that's going to vote for me and work at my polls voluntarily that went to my first fishing party which turned into the skating party the next year because I found out right quick, they were talking earlier about the worms, baiting the hooks, they are absolutely right, mothers do not go fishing that much with their children. And fathers didn't stay with them so I was there to bait their hook and then whenever they got tired of fishing, they started fussing, and then they were in my fishing spot, he caught my fish, my line's tangled, I had everything in the world and then they all decided to heck with the fishing, let's go swimming, so the next year I started renting the skating rink over here. And the reason I bring that up is when we invest in our children, we invest in our children, we are doing something for the community that we will reap 10,000 times the benefit of a lot of things that we support in government that doesn't reap the benefits of a child that basically comes up and grows up into sports and to watch our team represent, they weren't representing anything but the proud fact that they were from Lexington County, South Carolina and representing the State of South Carolina as champions

in Auburn, Alabama and got to go up in the home town of Allen Jackson and Bo Derek, Bo Jackson, excuse me, but we had to walk so much, I was thinking Bo Derek, I don't know, but to watch these kids go out there and even the radio announcer on the teams and I'm going to wrap up right quick, even the radio announcer was talking about Lexington, South Carolina, the way these two teams went out there and represented the State of South Carolina; threw no... we were the only team out there that didn't have nine, ten year old boys throwing curve balls and we represented them and was there on time and we played where we had to, we played in the rain, we played late at night and everything, but, you know, I just ask you to look at this, look at it very favorably and don't look at it as a millage increase but as an investment in our children and in our youth and in our communities, not only are you getting the kids off the street and involved in sports, but you're getting parents interested. It's hard to tell a kid that I can't take you to ball practice or I don't want you to play ball. That kid wants to play ball, mama, daddy, somebody, granddaddy or somebody's going to go and get that child a ball and for us to have places to play in the Midlands, you don't know the number of kids that come from other areas that go home because we got too many teams playing on the field that we just don't have the facilities and I'll close with that and thank you and I hope you enjoy your shirts because they say from the World Series 2005, from Auburn, Alabama and we would like for those to say 2007 and we would love to have hosted the 50th anniversary, which by the way, Dixie Youth World Series was started right here in the Midlands in Columbia and Lexington, South Carolina 50 years ago and that's why they wanted to put the 50th anniversary here, but we did not and Mr. Criscione can verify it we did not have the facilities capable of handling it. Thank you.

Mr. Cullum stated that this was a real testament to this County. Those kids represented this County the way they did. I appreciate what they did. I know they had a lot of fight in them. I know the coach, I've played against him and there are a few people in this room tonight that I played ball with, too, and it's a good thing and the lessons you learn in life you learn right on the ballfield.

Jay Criscione, Executive Director, Lexington County Recreation - I'd just like the children to stand up. How many children are here? Everybody said what I wanted to say. We've talked about facilities, we've talked about ballfields, we've talked about, a little about economic impact, I can add that we have you know the softball facilities the tennis facilities, we do a huge amount of economic impact. If you build new facilities they will host national, state tournaments and that would just boost the economic impact to the County and it boosts the overall quality of life for our people. It is one of the few tax services that the people actually get to use. They get on it, they're there, they get to participate and they get their time on the facilities. We've got facilities over 40 years old. If they lasted 40 years what we build will last again for another, they'll outlast me, probably a lot of all of us in here. So what you're doing is not for now it's doing for the future. I want to thank County Council for all their support now, in the past, in the future, County Council has always been there when I've come to talk to them, they've always given me time. I want to thank the Legislative Delegation for the same courtesy. They've always been there when we've come to talk or present something and especially I want to thank the people who have come here tonight to talk to you all and that's all I've got to say.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for anyone to speak who had not signed up to speak.

Ms. Kimberly McCoy, 789 Bub Shumpert Road, Pelion, SC 29123 - Concurred with Mr. Richard Kneece and Mr. Sam Jackson.

Mr. Reuben Miera, 1034 Ben Kyzer Drive, Gilbert, SC 29054 - I'm a product of this generation. When I was 13, I was going the wrong road, big time. I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Nothing but drugs, nothing but gangs. I had a choice at 13. You either got in the gang or you just fall off the wayside. The next year we opened a park and they started a soccer program and that was my first year and I coach now and I wouldn't be coaching now if it wasn't for somebody that took a chance. Give these kids what they need. They've got to have it because if they don't the only option is everywhere else - jail or whatever. So, I know because I came from it and I am paying back what I took for granted. I coach, I've coached for 27 years and I will not stop and I will be up here all the time if you want me to because they've got to have it, I know. We adopted three children. I'm very fortunate. We were able to adopt three children and the reason I moved to Lexington, I'm from the west coast, the reason was because we liked it out here, it's beautiful out here, the schools, it's just great out here. Now have I moved back, no. Reason, because I don't want to put my children in that kind of situation. I have four children right now. One's off to college, the other three are playing soccer. One's a skateboarder. They could not do that without help and, you know, from a coach's standpoint we've got to do this for these kids. I mean if we don't, they won't turn out like me, you know I'm very fortunate and I know that you all have a lot on your plate but if we don't do this, five years from now, ten years from now, we're going to be paying the price and it's not going to be a good price. But I do thank you all very much for hearing me.

Little miss April sang Take Me Out to the Ball Game.

Mr. Cullum closed the public hearing and thanked everyone in attendance.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were distributed and signed:

Supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,802 to appropriate additional funds for cost overage on the Stoney Point Drive and Circle project and to record the proceeds from the developer.

Supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$22,725 to budget additional revenues due to an increase in ambulance fee collections that were estimated at \$2,673,612 and to decrease the set-off fee that was estimated at \$213,889. The total collection fees increased by \$190,513.

Appropriation transfer of \$20,000 to pay for the technology assessment project that will be performed by the State's Chief Information Office.

Appropriation transfer of \$96,000 and a supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$240,000 due to a federal grant that was awarded through the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the construction of sidewalks on Leaphart Road. This is 60/40 match. Lexington County's portion is \$96,000.

Appropriation transfer of \$15,674 to upgrade the existing T-1 circuit by replacing the existing unit.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,516,764 to appropriate carryover funds for federal grants:

- 2400 Urban Entitlement Comm Development
- 2416 11th Circuit LE Network
- 2436 Multi Narcotics Task Force
- 2441 Forensic Drug Lab
- 2443 Gang Investigation Grant
- 2445 Nat'l Incident Based Rptg System
- 2452 FY03 Local Law Enforcement Block Grt
- 2453 FY04 Local Law Enforcement Block Grt.
- 2472 Landscape & Scenic Beautification
- 2476 State Homeland Security Grant
- 2477 Supplemental Homeland Security Grant
- 2479 SCDOT Rise Program
- 2480 Citizens Corps Grant

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$5,677,292 to appropriate carryover funds for special revenue funds for County Council.

- 2000 Economic Development
- 2001 Rural Development Act
- 2140 Temp Alcohol Beverage License Fee

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,945,822 to appropriate carryover funds for special revenue funds.

- 2410 Clk of Court Title IV-D Child Support
- 2411 LE/Title IV-D Process Server
- 2501 Sol/Community Juvenile Arbitration
- 2600 Clk of Crt/Professional Bond Feeds
- 2605 Emergency Telephone System E-911
- 2606 SCE&G Support Fund
- 2610 Sol/Narcotics Forfeiture Funds
- 2630 LE/Narcotics Forfeiture Funds
- 2632 LE/Inmate Services
- 2637 LE/Federal Narcotics Forfeiture Funds
- 2638 LE/Civil Process Server
- 2642 LE/Alcohol Enforcement Team
- 2930 Personnel/Employee Committee
- 2950 Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collections
- 2990 Finance/Grants Administration

A supplement appropriation increase in the amount of \$5,785,476 to appropriate carryover funds of

funds for capital and operating items. County Ordinary - \$2,743,288; Fire Service - \$2,485,834; and Law Enforcement - \$556,354.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$291,211 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$25,555 to appropriate interest earned for the campus construction project.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$34,725 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items for Library Services.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$5,596,637 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items in Schedule "C" Funds.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$164,085 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items for Solid Waste Management.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$717,515 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items and a supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$15,764 to appropriate interest earned on EMS Healthcare Delivery Systems.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,261 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items and a supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$252 to appropriate interest earned for the Lexington Bar Association fund.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$265,181 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items for the Lexington County Airport at Pelion.

A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$7,000,000 to appropriate carryover of funds for capital items and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$895 to appropriate interest earned on the DSS and Fire Service construction fund.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Owens that Council go into Executive Session to continue discussing contractual and personnel matters and receiving the legal briefing.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Not Present: Mr. Carrigg

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Chairman Cullum reported Council continued receiving the legal briefing and discussing personnel and contractual matters and reported no motions were to be considered.

New Business - Lexington County Veterans Van Fund Donation - Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to donate \$5,000 to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Association for the purchase of a van. The DAV will be responsible for all costs associated with the van.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler

Not Present: Mr. Owens *

* Mr. Owens was not present when the vote was taken.

Transfer of Property - Lexington County to Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission; Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission to Lexington County - 1st Reading by Title - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve first reading by title for the transfer of approximately eight (8) acres of land located on Buck Corley Road to the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission in exchange for approximately two (2) acres located next to the horse arena in South Congaree to the County of Lexington for a proposed library.

Mr. Cullum opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Owens	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman